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Dear Examiner Wells:

Thank you for your helpful assistance in explaining the status of the above-identified patent application to me today.

In view of this telephone discussion, we understand that the finality of the Office Action dated December 31, 2002 has been withdrawn and our Amendment of April 30, 2003 has been entered. Thus, since prosecution has been reopened, no further reply (such as a Notice of Appeal or RCE) is required to be filed by Applicant by June 30, 2003, which is the 6 month date from the mailing of the above-identified Action. We further understand that a new Office Action has been prepared and will be mailed by the USPTO shortly in response to the Amendment of April 30, 2003.

If our understandings are not correct, kindly immediately let me know so we can timely attend to any required action. Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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